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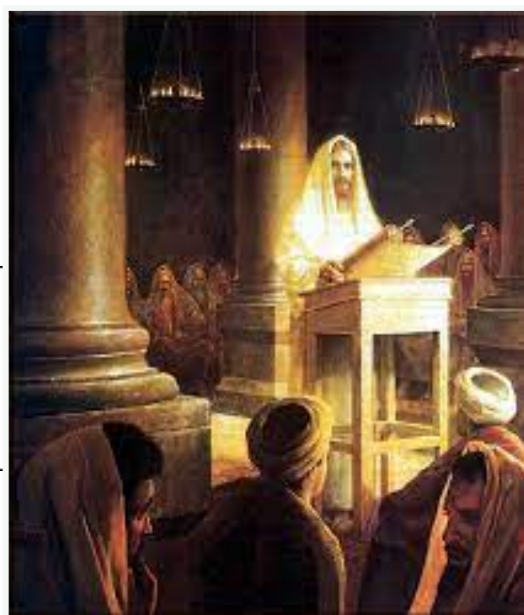
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**4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B**

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They were amazed at his doctrine, because he did not teach like the scribes, but with authority.”

The people who came to the synagogue in Capernaum that morning were more than surprised, they were amazed by the teaching of Jesus. He taught with authority.

Jesus’ authority consists not in condemning and excommunicating but in forgiving.

Jesus’ authority consists of loving people more and better than human norms and traditions.

Jesus’ authority consists not in condemning but in pardoning, in including all those that society excludes: the sinners, the lepers, the impure, the women, the foreigners ...

Jesus’ authority does not use the rear-view mirror, the past does not exist for him, he invites us to live in the present, and to look to the future, dimension that only belongs to God.

Jesus’ authority consists not in the word of the sacred or political speaker but in the word of the prophet who prioritizes compassion and love.

Jesus’ authority comes from God because he himself comes from God and he is the only one qualified to speak to God and about God.

He had authority because what he said was done. He had authority because of his works.

On Friday 2nd February we celebrate Candlemas, Feast of The Presentation of the Lord. Jesus is called “A light to bring the Gentiles from darkness; the glory of your people Israel”. At the



beginning of The Holy Mass candles will be blessed. Please bring candles.

On Saturday, 3rd February is our Patronal Feast of Saint Anne Line. For the past two years we have celebrated this special day. Over time people from different countries and cultures have joined the parish. We are all part of this superb Saint Anne Line parish community. That's why I invite you to give importance to this moment and to celebrate together the patronal feast of our community with the Holy Mass from 6.30 pm and then, to gather in the parish hall to share the traditional foods that you will bring.



Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 4

Lectionary Sunday Year B: Week 4 in Ordinary Time

ST ANNE LINE FEAST DAY

On Saturday 3 February. Parishioners are requested to bring a hot or cold national dish to share with others after the 6.30 pm Mass. Please contact Tina Marrai **urgently** on 07941 227743 if you are attending (for catering purposes) and can help with setting up the hall and clearing up after the event.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday 12 February** at 7.45pm in the hall.

PALM CROSSES

Please bring in the palm crosses from last year so we may burn them and use them on Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the basket at the back of the Church.

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA

This will continue on **Friday 2 February** in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CANDLEMAS & FEAST OF ST ANNE LINE

Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) On Friday 2nd February. Please bring candles which will be blessed at Mass.

Feast of St Anne Line & St Blaise Saturday 3rd February. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am and 6.30pm. There will be blessing of the throats at both Masses.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

First Holy Communion - Next session on Sunday 28 January at 3pm in the hall.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT DATES

AFTERNOON CLUB- is meeting on Wednesday 31 January in the hall.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING DATE

LECTIO DIVINA - Thursday 8 February after the morning Mass.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The red fire extinguisher used for donations to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) will be in place until 2 February.

ACUPUNCTURE

Veronica will be in the hall this Sunday after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Minimum donation is £10 which will be for the Church. If you are interested in finding out more, please do come along and Veronica will be happy to speak to you.

ENQUIRERS EVENING

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 February at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Deacon Matúš Meleg who is training for the priesthood for our Diocese. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024 in Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. For information visit www.fcjsisters.org or contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com

EVANGELISING POST-CHRISTIAN BRITAIN

Lecture at 7pm on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at St James' Church, Spanish Place by Monsignor James Shea, co-author of From Christendom to Apostolic Mission, in which he will draw bridges between the different visions that the Church and the world have for our society and suggest effective strategies to

engage our own time and culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by a Q & A and then refreshments will be available.

FLAME 2025

Saturday 15th March 2025 11am – 6pm, at Wembley Arena. Picking up on the theme for the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope" the Flame theme is "Unstoppable" – Fan the Flame of Hope. The BCYS will purchase a block of early bird tickets so that the group from the Diocese can sit together as close to the front as possible. These early bird tickets are £29 each, a saving of £5 per ticket on the full price of £34. To request tickets with BCYS, visit www.bcys.net/flame2025 or e-mail gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

BRENTWOOD DIRECTORY 2024

On sale in the porch. Price £2.95. Please place money in the wall box marked 'CTS & publications'.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

- (To be left on the table by the organ loft)
- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
 - Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
 - Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
 - Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

ST. JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL **WOODFORD BRIDGE**

is recruiting for an SEN Class Teacher (MPS) and Classroom Support Assistants. These are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential. For application packs phone 02085041818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Mass on Monday is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist on Wednesday to Saturday at 9am. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass.

Intention for the week "We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick.

Anniversaries 29th January – 4th February

George Ruby, Mrs Godkin, Denis King, Mrs Esa Kennedy, George Wright, Don Cearns , Despina Aquilina, Emily German, Michael Linane, Lucel Tate, Mary Geddes, Margaret Murphy, Mary Lenihan, Anne Gatheridge, Maurice Leahy, Clare Teresa Anderson.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 225.

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Follow us on Facebook - [facebook.com/SaintAnneLine](https://www.facebook.com/SaintAnneLine) and also at [facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee](https://www.facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee). Follow us On Twitter/X - @Stannelinesw

Safeguarding Coordinator

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Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator

Anthony Collins 020 8989 9547
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SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/safeguarding/>

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday morning and afternoons and Friday mornings.

Pope Francis - Year of Prayer:

The coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace, and to experience the strength of God's hope. Therefore, we now begin the Year of Prayer; that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.

Pope Francis Prayer Network:

Holy Spirit, who builds the unity of the Church and shows your infinite creativity through the diversity of charisms, fill the Church with your gifts, according to the marvellous God's Providence design, so that we may learn to appreciate the gifts of others and work together for the good of all, sharing our charisms at the service of the community. May diversity among Christians never be a cause of division, but of mutual enrichment, because diversity gives depth and richness to life. Do not allow us to fall into the temptation to consider our gifts as superior to those of others, or ourselves as superior to them. May there be room for all in the Church and may we grow together in harmony, in faith and in love as one body, the Body of Christ. Amen